

BEST CONSERVATION STORIES OF 2012 AWARDED \$5,000

The Cinnabar Foundation in December awarded \$5,000 to the winners of the Best Conservation Stories of 2012 Contest. Click <u>here</u> to learn about the five winning storytellers and six honorable mention and to link to their stories on <u>ConserveMontana.org</u>. Special thanks to one of Montana's most famous storytellers, Rick Bass, for leading the panel of judges.

It's not too early to start thinking about your opportunity to join the winners circle in 2013. To qualify for 2013 cash prizes, your story needs to be submitted between January 1 and November 30, 2013. Stories submitted in 2012 will not qualify for the 2013 contest.

A good story features real people who are engaged in conservation activities in a special place in Montana or the greater Yellowstone region. Personal stories are a great way to illuminate the mission and work of your group. You could lead your page, for example, by sharing a story about yourself, a crew of volunteer, a board member or staff leader, a donor, or a family that benefits from your work.

Multiple story submissions are welcome. After all, you probably have more than one story to tell Awards may be given for a single outstanding story or to contributors who submit more than one fine story.

7 January 2013